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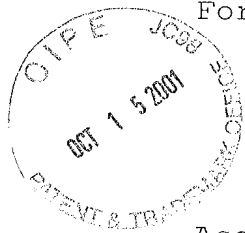
AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 10, 2001 OFFICE
 ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued April 10, 2001 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 10, 2001 Office Action was due July 10, 2001. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from July 10, 2001 to October 10, 2001 for responding to the April 10, 2001 Office Action. The required fee for the three-month extension is \$460.00 and a check including this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the April 10, 2001 Office Action is now due October 10, 2001 and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace pages 18, 20 and 29 with substitute pages 18, 20 and 29 attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the differences between the pages are indicated in the marked-up copy of the specification pages attached as **Exhibit B**.



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